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THE HON. SRI C. PERUMALSAMI REDDI :—" This pension is given because the officer died in Government service."

DR. SYED TAJUDDIN :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government do not think that the amounts allotted and given to the members of the bereaved family are very meagre? "

THE HON. SRI C. PERUMALSAMI REDDI :—" That is the maximum we can give. It is also proposed to give gratuity to these people, but the matter is now pending with the Government of India."

Visit of certain Ministers to Burma.

* 101 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO (on behalf of Sri B. Bhima Rao) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether some of the Ministers went to Burma recently to discuss problems relating to Madras State and Burma and if so, the subjects discussed there and the decisions reached there ; and

(b) whether the Agenda for discussion comprised the subject of evacuees from Burma?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (a) & (b) The Hon. Sri M. Bhaktavatsalam, Minister for Public Works and the Hon. Sri B. Gopala Reddi, Minister for Finance were members of the only Indian Delegation that went to Burma in June 1950 (but not recently) to discuss questions connected with the Burma Land Nationalization Act, 1948. The subject of ' evacuees ' was not included in the Agenda for discussion. The conclusions reached there and the decisions of the Government of Burma on the discussions are not yet known. The subject is of more than Madras State importance and is dealt with primarily by the Government of India."

Industrial Housing Scheme of the Central Government.

* 102 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to State—

(a) whether the State Government have received particulars of the Industrial Housing Scheme of the Central Government and if so, what they are ;

(b) whether the Central Government made any provision in 1950–51 and if so, the amount obtained by the State Government ;

(c) whether the Central Government have made any provision in 1951–52 and if so, what amount this State is expected to obtain ;

(d) whether the State Government have any schemes ready to utilize the amount available from the Central Government and if so, what they are ; and

(e) whether the State Government have formulated any industrial housing policy?

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THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (*a*) Yes; a statement [a] showing the particulars of the scheme is placed on the table of the House.

" (*b*) The Central Government seems to have made a provision of one crore of rupees for 1950–51; but the State Government did not get any amount during that year.

" (*c*) The Central Government have provided Rs. 1·68 crores in their Budget Estimate for 1951–52 and the State Government has been sanctioned a loan of Rs. 9 lakhs.

" (*d*) Four industrial establishment has formulated schemes for the construction of houses under the Government of India's industrial housing scheme and have applied for loans. These applications are under consideration of the Government.

" (*e*) The industrial housing policy of the State Government is the same as that of the Central Government and the State Government have not formulated any separate policy."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the amount of loan received from the Government of India has been allotted and if not allotted before the end of 1951–52—and we are now at the end of March 1952—whether the unexpended portion will be available for 1952–53? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" All the applications that have been received have been forwarded to the Government of India, and as I have said already, we have recommended them. So far as the future is concerned, if applications come in we will certainly forward them also to the Government of India."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" My point is, Sir, whether the loan given by the Government of India, for the year 1951–52, will lapse at the end of March 1952 or whether the 9 lakhs will be available for 1952–53 as well? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" It all depends on what decision the Government of India are going to take in the matter."

DR. SYED TAJUDDIN :—" May I ask, Sir, whether the Government have prepared any data regarding the housing needs of the working classes and the industrial classes especially? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" No, Sir."

Creation of economic holdings in land.

* 103 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the average holding in the Madras State is only 4·5 acres and if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to create economic holdings so that agriculture not only ceases to be mere occupation but also becomes a worth-while industry to follow?

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 244–245 infra.